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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised in this amendment.

Claim 3 was rejected as being indefinite for failing to provide an antecedent basis for "stimulant". This has been corrected.

Claims 1-4 were rejected as being unpatentable over Blanchette 20030194780.

Blanchette discloses a method of extracting a resin from an Aquilaria tree by using holes to form wounds by drilling holes (see Fig. 2A) and inserting an aerating tube or applying a stimulant (see par. 26-29).

In view of the excellent art cited by the Examiner, claim 1 has been extensively amended to recite that each wound is rectangular, that numerous holes are drilled within each rectangular wound, and cutting a channel around each rectangular wound. It is believed that this configuration is not taught or suggested in the above reference.

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 3 is amended to call for the use of a stimulant (see page 11, first two lines, of the specification) and claim 4 has been amended to call for a number of such wounds with drilled holes.

New claims 5-7 have been added in which the wound is applied to a stump after the tree is cut down (see Fig. 7), and has the added step of adding the hole to the root to "let the stump die slowly and accumulate the resin in high quantity" (page 11, last paragraph of the specification). The use of a stump to collect the resin does not appear to be taught or suggested in the reference.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form clearly distinguish over Blanchette and should be allowed.

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A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

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